Application No.: 10/651,104 Docket No.: 8733.432.20

Amendment dated January 18, 2007 Reply to Office Action dated October 20, 2006

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated October 20, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Claims 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43, 45 and 47 are pending in the application with claim 47 being withdrawn from consideration. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following.

In the Office Action, claims 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43, and 45 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, 16, 18-19 and 20-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,661,492. Applicant respectfully submit the claims of the present application are not obvious. However, for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of this application, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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